

**State of Wisconsin/Department of Transportation**  
RESEARCH PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING: December 31, 2007

Program: SPR-0010(36) FFY99		Part: II Research and Development	
<b>Project Title:</b> "Evaluate DBE strategies used for Marquette Interchange Project".		<b>Project ID:</b> 0092-08-21	
<b>Administrative Contact:</b> Michele Carter		<b>Sponsor:</b> FHWA / WisDOT	
<b>WisDOT Technical Contact:</b> R. M. Sanders, PhD		<b>Approved Starting Date:</b> October 1, 2007	
<b>Approved by RLAC Committee:</b> June 12, 2007		<b>Original End Date:</b> August 31, 2008	
<b>Project Investigator (agency &amp; contact):</b> Ralph Morris Sanders, PhD		<b>Current End Date:</b> August 31, 2008	
		<b>Number of Extensions:</b> None	

**Percent Complete:** 25%

**Request a No Cost Time Extension (Please Select One):** ☐ YES ☒ NO

**Reason for No Cost Time Extension:** No request for time extension at this time.

**Project Description:**

This research investigation is developed to identify as well as to measure what strategies and program components through the lens of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms viewed as to the level of importance and effectiveness.

The Marquette Interchange Project provides the backdrop to set the stage and foundation to use as a baseline project in order to gain insights as to the need in conducting an assessment and evaluation model for DBE firms strategically. In the larger context, this effort is viewed as a contributing factor for WisDOT bureau management to consider for appropriate action along with activities prior to the implementation of future mega/major projects in the attempt of formulation of policy for continuous improvement and project efficiencies.

**Progress This Quarter:**

(Includes project committee mtgs, work plan status, contract status, significant progress, etc.)

1. Hire, trained, and provided orientation for Project Research Analyst
2. Identification of DBE firms test group.
3. Contacting and conducting telephone interviews with DBE subjects for research study.

**Work Next Quarter:**

1. Collecting the raw data for processing.
2. Reviewing data for accuracy and completeness.
3. Analyzing the data. (Items measured, scaling, coding and categorizing, etc).
4. Performing statistical and mathematical operations

**Circumstances Affecting Progress/Budget:** No circumstances to report at this time.

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